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REPLY TO A OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1/28/03, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12, 13.

Please amend claims 5, 6, 9, 11 as follows:

DAB 5. A method for controlling an air-fuel ratio in an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps:

determining a temperature of an emission control device downstream of said engine;

oxidizing hydrocarbons stored in said device when said temperature of said device is greater than a predetermined temperature; and

adjusting the air/fuel ratio in the engine rich of stoichiometry during oxidation of said hydrocarbons.

CJZ 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said oxidation step comprises providing air from an air supply device to an exhaust stream upstream of said emission control device.